Media Press Kit
About Appropedia Foundation

The Appropedia Foundation oversees the operations of the Appropedia website, offering guidance in advancing initiatives and robust backing for projects aligned with open knowledge, sustainability, development, and service-learning across interconnected fields.

“The foundation has a mission to provide a platform for collaborative engagement, enabling individuals and groups to share innovative ideas, practical solutions, and research findings.”

We envision a world where we collectively work towards addressing pressing challenges in areas such as environmental sustainability, social development, and humanitarian endeavors.

Sustainability  Land and Water Protection  International Development  Climate Change
## Fact Sheet: The Appropedia Foundation

Here are some interesting facts about the Appropedia Foundation (as of August 2023):

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<td>Appropedia staff</td>
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<td>Organizations that have worked with us</td>
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<td>Projects</td>
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Case 1: Practivistas Dominicana Program

Challenge: Faced with limited community resources, the Practivistas Dominicana Program encountered the challenge of building a schoolroom in La Yuca using non-conventional methods. Ensuring sustainability in power, water, and facilities was imperative. Additionally, the program aimed to fortify the renewable energy system against hurricanes and guarantee the safety of harvested rainwater. Making constructive use of waste materials added complexity.

Solution: The program constructed a schoolroom from plastic bottles and concrete, upgraded the renewable energy system, and improved rainwater catchment. Creative use of waste materials maximized resource efficiency. Solar power illuminated schoolrooms and an off-grid animal shelter. Students and community members collaborated closely.

Results: The program achieved sustainable infrastructure, maximized resource efficiency, and enhanced community resilience. Communities now have clean water, improved facilities, and sustainable power. Participants gained hands-on experience in sustainable construction, fostering lasting community bonds.
At Appropedia, we're united by a shared vision of a sustainable future. Our diverse team works diligently daily to make Appropedia.org your number one source for sustainable projects and innovations. Together, we're shaping a greener, brighter tomorrow.

**Board of Directors**

- Lonny Grafman  
  Appropedia's Founder

- Curt Beckmann

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- Andrew Lamb

**Current Staff**

- Emilio Velis  
  Executive Director of The Appropedia Foundation

- Felipe Schenone  
  Technical lead

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- Irene Delgado  
  Content specialist

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  Content specialist

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  Content specialist
The Appropedia Foundation tackles the most challenging problems facing people today. We are grounded by international experience and leverage appropriate technology, real-world solutions, and collaborations with global institutions.

**Evidence-Based Science**
Science is the foundation of our work that helps us solve sustainable development's biggest challenges.

**Driving Policy**
Our policy shows policymakers how appropriate technology can solve many of the biggest challenges, like climate change.

**Collaborations with other institutions**
Many of the entities we work with already have a significant impact on sustainable practices. We help them by documenting those solutions and disseminating them.

**Technology and Innovation**
We harness the potential of new technologies, innovations, and collaborations with fellow institutions to amplify our impact on making Earth more sustainable.

**Finance and Investing**
We depend on donations, grants, and partnerships from individuals, organizations, and institutions who share our mission of promoting sustainable and appropriate technologies.

**Surgical Education Learners Forum**
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